THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Indian Telephone Industries (I. T. I.) Ltd. has been manufacturing a wide variety of telecommunications equipment including telephone instruments. The total production of telephone instruments by I. T. I. during the last three years has been as follows:

1982-83	5,85,441	Nos.
1983-84	6,31.890	Nos.
1984-85	6,37,798	Nos.

I. T. I. has so far been the only major manufacturer of telephone instruments.

(b) The production of ordinary type telephone instruments has been adequate. The production of Plan instruments has however been below the requirements.

(c) I. T. I. is enhancing its capacity for manufacture of telephone instruments including plan instruments to 1 million per annum with updated technology. To meet the future demand, Government have issued letters of intent to 49 other units in State/private sectors at locations spread out all over the country.

Import of kerosene oil

*314. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the value of imports of kerosene oil during the last three years;

(b) the extent of subsidy given by the Central Government thereon; and

(c) whether Government propose to take steps to reduce the use of kerosene oil and replace it by other fuels such as wood, biogas and solar energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The value of gross imports of kerosene during the last three years is given below:—

Year	Value (Rs./Crores)
1982-83	595.89
1983-84	603.64
1984-85	344.77

(b) The subsidy involved in the above quantities of kerosene is as under:—

Year	Amount of subsidy (Rs./Crores)
1982-83	251
1983-84	263
1984-85	350

(c) The Government have initiated steps to popularise fuel-efficient stoves through the compaigns of Petroleum Conservation Research Association and replacement of kerosene by bio-gas, solar eneragy etc., through the programmes of the Department of Non-conventional Energy Sources.

Paris Convention for Protection of Industrial Property

*315. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drug industry has recently opposed Government's move